

IN THE CLAIMS

What Is Claimed Is:

1. A ceiling system comprising:
a grid formed from a plurality of parallel-extending main runners having a plurality of cross runners extending between the main runners;
a plurality of compression struts attached to the grid;
a plurality of panels resting within the grid; and
a plurality of clips having a first leg and second leg, the first leg secured to the main runner and the second leg secured to the compression strut.
2. The ceiling system of claim 1, wherein the clips further comprise a mid-portion disposed between the first and second leg.
3. The ceiling system of claim 2, wherein the main runners further comprise a bulb portion.
4. The ceiling system of claim 3, wherein the mid-portion of the clips conform to the bulb portion of the runners.

5. The ceiling system of claim 1, wherein the system is capable of meeting an up-lift classification 90.

6. The ceiling system of claim 1, wherein the compression struts are attached to the main runners by the plurality of clips at an interval of about 2 feet.

7. The ceiling system of claim 1, wherein the compression struts are attached to the main runner by the clip at an interval of up to about 12 feet.

8. The ceiling system of claim 1, wherein the panels are downwardly accessible.

9. A support member for a ceiling panel comprising
a main runner having a bulb portion; and
a clip comprising a first leg, a second leg and a mid-portion disposed between the first leg and second leg, wherein the first leg is secured to the main runner and the mid-portion is substantially shaped to conform to the bulb of the main runner.

10. The support member for a ceiling panel of claim 9, further comprising a plurality of clips, and wherein the clips are attached to the main runner at intervals of about 12 feet.

11. The support member for a ceiling panel of claim 9, further comprising a plurality of clips, and wherein the clips are attached to the main runner at intervals of at least 2 feet.

12. The support member for a ceiling panel of claim 9, further comprising a compression strut attached to the second leg of the clip.

13. The support member for a ceiling panel of claim 12, wherein a grid is formed from a plurality of the main runners and a plurality of cross runners extending between the main runners.

14. A ceiling system comprising the support member of claim 13 and further including a plurality of panels resting within the grid.

15. The ceiling system of claim 14, wherein the panels are downwardly accessible.

16. The support member of claim 9, wherein the support member supports a ceiling system capable of meeting an up-lift classification of at least 90.

17. A clip for attaching a main runner having a bulb portion to a compression strut of a ceiling support grid, wherein the clip comprises:

a first leg and a second leg; and

a mid-portion disposed between the first leg and second leg, wherein the mid-portion is substantially shaped to conform to the bulb of the main runner.

18. The clip of claim 17, wherein the first leg has at least one fastening hole for fastening the clip to the main runner.

19. The clip of claim 17, wherein the second leg has at least one fastening hole for fastening the clip to the compression strut.

20. The clip of claim 17, wherein the second leg is parallel to and off-set from the plane containing the first leg.